

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 CAIRO 08194 181727Z

46

ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 /026 W

----- 104823

O 181647Z AUG 75

FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5937

INFO AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 8194

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR EG IS US ENRG

SUBJECT: ISRAELI GUNBOAT MOLESTS AMOCO VESSEL

1. AMOCO VP CAMPBELL HAS JUST INFORMED US OF FOLLOWING INCIDENT
AS REPORTED TO HIM BY HIS RAS SHUQAIR OFFICE.

2. ON AUGUST 17 M/V DEUTCHE TIDE (AMOCO) WAS CONDUCTING SURVEY
FOR DRILL BARGE SHILOH AT LOCATION APPROXIMATELY 14,500 METERS
WEST OF TUR AND 10,000 METERS EAST OF WEST COAST OF GULF OF
SUEZ (COORDINATES: X 584460; Y 785140). LOCATION IS ONE OF
THREE IN AMOCO CONCESSION AREA AT WHICH COMPANY INTENDS TO DRILL
IN NEAR FUTURE. BOTH SHILOH AND DEUTCHE TIDE ARE US REGISTERED
VESSELS.

3. AT 0900 ISRAELI GUNBOAT ARRIVED ON SCENE. ISRAELI OFFICER USED
LOUDSPEAKER TO ORDER DEUTCHE TIDE CAPTAIN TO GATHER CREW ON
BOARD AND HAND OVER ALL OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO VESSEL
AND PERSONNEL. CAPTAIN COMPLIED AND ISRAELI OFFICER
ORDERED CAPTAIN TO MAINTAIN HIS POSITION UNTIL FURTHER
INSTRUCTIONS. ISRAELI BOAT RETIRED ABOUT ONE MILE FROM
DETUCHE TIDE, AT WHICH TIME CAPTAIN INFORMED RAS SHUQAIR
OF INCIDENT.

4. RAS SHUQAIR AMOCO OFFICE ADVISED CAPTAIN TO ANSWER ANY
QUESTIONS PUT BY ISRAELIS. RAS SHUQAIR OFFICE THEN INFORMED
GOE INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY AT RAS GHARIB OF INCIDENT.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 CAIRO 08194 181727Z

5. AFTER ABOUT 30 MINUTES, ISRAELI BOAT RETURNED TO DEUTCHE TIDE, HANDED BACK DOCUMENTS, AND ORDERED CAPTAIN TO HAND OVER AMERICAN FLAG FLYING ON MAST OF DEUTCHE TIDE. CAPTAIN REFUSED BUT DID HAND OVER RESERVE US FLAG.

6. AT 1030 ISRAELI BOAT RETIRED TO CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE BUT KEPT DETUCHE TIDE UNDER OBSERVATION. LATTER COMPLETED MISSION, STAKING OUT AREA WITH BUOY AND AT ABOUT 1300 RETURNED TO RAS SHUQAIR.

7. AT 0130 AUGUST 18 RAS SHUQAIR OFFICE RECEIVED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION ON INCIDENT AS FOLLOWS. WHILE DETUCHE TIDE WAS ON WAY TO MOOR BESIDE BUOY IT HAD SET AT NOON, AUGUST 17, TO MARK SHILOH'S NEW LOCATION, AND WHILE DEUTCHE TIDE WAS STILL TWO MILES WEST OF BUOY, ISRAELI GUNBOAT REAPPEARED AND ORDERED CAPTAIN OF DEUTCHE TIDE TO LEAVE AREA. IF HE DID NOT, THE VESSEL WOULD BE FIRED ON. CAPTAIN INFORMED ISRAELI OFFICER THAT DRILL BARGE SHILOH WAS ON WAY TO BERTH BY BUOY. ISRAELI OFFICER ORDERED HIM CONTACT SHILOH TO TELL HER NOT TO PROCEED; OTHERWISE, GUNBOAT WOULD DEMOLISH BARGE.

8. ACCORDINGLY, SHILOH REMAINED IN ITS FORMER LOCATION AND IS STILL THERE. ISRAELI GUNBOAT IS NOT IN SHILOH'S SIGHTS. DEUTCHE TIDE IS AT RAS SHUQAIR.

9. CAMPBELL HAS JUST CALLED TO INFORM US THAT ALTHOUGH HE HAS TAKEN NO ACTION OTHER THAN INFORMING THIS EMBASSY OF INCIDENT, EGPC HAS INFORMED MINPET HILLAL, WHO WILL NO DOUBT GET IN TOUCH WITH FONMIN FAHMY. CAMPBELL NOTED DAILY COST OF CURRENTLY IDLE AMOCO OPERATION IN AREA IS DOLS 40,000. EILTS

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: HARASSMENT, PETROLEUM, CARGO SHIPS, DEUTCHE TIDE M/S
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 18 AUG 1975
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: CunninFX
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975CAIRO08194
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750285-0084
From: CAIRO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750841/aaaabjoy.tel
Line Count: 92
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: CunninFX
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 30 JUL 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <30 JUL 2003 by MartinML>; APPROVED <01 DEC 2003 by CunninFX>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ISRAELI GUNBOAT MOLESTS AMOCO VESSEL
TAGS: PFOR, ENRG, EG, IS, US, AMOCO
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006